A SMART STEP by Anne Misawa (http://www.hawaii.edu/acm/)

The SMART (Student Media Art) Exchange is a semiannual program that is directed by Anne Misawa, Associate Professor at the Academy for Creative Media (ACM). The program occurs every October in Honolulu and June in Shanghai, under the auspices of the Hawai’i International Film Festival (HIFF), the Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF), Shanghai University (SHU), and UHM. For both film festivals, student films are selected from each school and student filmmakers are invited as official delegates. The students also participate in a filmmaker’s workshop and produce short films – unique Sino-US student film collaborations – during a three-week period.

In June 2012, six ACM filmmakers – Kristin Kouke, Allison Le, Jeffrey Leong, Vincent Nault, Holly Larson, and Erin Lau – were invited as delegates to SIFF. Ka Pua, directed by Erin Lau, won the Best Documentary Short Film Award at the festival’s Sino-US Student Showcase. A 15-minute short omnibus film, Shanghai Market, directed by Kristin Kouke, Shi Zheng Yi, and Erin Lau, was produced during this exchange and later premiered at HIFF in October 2012, where it won the HIFF Eurocinema Award for Best Student Short Film. Kristin Kouke enthused, “For as long as I’ve been a student of ACM, I’ve regarded the SMART Exchange program as an invaluable opportunity for any student filmmaker.” She added, “For this exciting journey, we were not students traveling abroad, but rather, filmmakers traveling abroad, eager to tell the stories of the vibrant and cinematic city of Shanghai.”

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY AND SCHOLARS by Signe Nakayama (http://www.hawaii.edu/fsis/)

The Office of Faculty and Scholar Immigration Services (FSIS) assists UH international faculty and visiting scholars across the UH System. These individuals arrive in Hawai’i from many different areas of the globe and contribute greatly to the University’s cultural and educational diversity by instructing students, performing research, and providing service in an array of academic disciplines. During Academic Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), the University welcomed 564* international faculty and visiting scholars to its campuses. Below are the AY 2012 statistics showing the major fields in which they conducted their scholarly activities as well as the world regions of their countries of citizenship.

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*This data includes international scholars and nonimmigrant, non-student academics (teachers and/or researchers). Permanent residents, refugees, and employees/visitors who did not conduct research activities or classroom teaching are not included. Since the nonimmigrant status of some individuals may change during the year, each person’s most recent nonimmigrant status is reported.

In October 2012, Tooth Fairy, directed by SHU student Mao Jing Jing, and In Convenience, directed by ACM student Reynolds Barney, were also filmed. HIFF not only showcased films from both universities, but also dedicated some proceeds raised from its HIFF China Night event for the continuation of the program. A highlight was the screening of A SMART Step, a behind-the-scenes documentary short directed by ACM student Jeffrey Leong, which showed the student filmmakers who were actively involved in the SMART Exchange program.
“GO FOR BROKE!” THE SPIRIT OF THE 442ND LIVES ON by Lois Kajiwara (http://www.uhm.hawaii.edu/international/)

Many of you know the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) – the American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who fought bravely in World War II in Italy and France, and who also fought prejudice at home in America. For those of you who do not know their legacy, I encourage you to learn about these humble heroes who have become legends, known for being the most decorated unit for its size and length of service in the history of the U.S. military\textsuperscript{1}, and also for playing an important role in shaping Hawai’i’s history.

Eichi Oki, a 442nd veteran in K (short for King) Company, majored in political science at UHM and after graduating in June 1950, went on to Harvard Law School under the GI bill. When asked about ties to Europe, Mr. Oki said he feels that because of the rescue of the Lost Battalion, their strongest connection is with Bruyères, a town in France near the Vosges Mountains. In rescuing those 211 men during the Vosges Campaign, the 442nd RCT’s casualties amounted to 216 dead and more than 850 wounded\textsuperscript{2}. He mentioned that monuments have been built in their honor at key battle sites in Italy and France, and there is even a road in Bruyères named for the 442nd RCT.

In October 2010 the Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest U.S. civilian award bestowed by the U.S. Congress, was awarded to the 442nd RCT, the 100th Infantry Battalion, and Nisei (second-generation Japanese-Americans) serving in the Military Intelligence Service. Some of the previous recipients of this prestigious medal include George Washington, the Wright brothers, Thomas Edison, Dr. Jonas Salk, Bob Hope, Walt Disney, Jesse Owens, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso.

Now in their late 80s and early 90s, these veterans are old and their numbers are dwindling. But look into the eyes of any veteran and you will see the steely gaze of a soldier who fought – with the motto “Go For Broke!” – for his country and won. Their time is passing, but their heroic deeds must never be forgotten.

Sources: \textsuperscript{1}http://www.goforbroke.org/history/history_historical_veterans_442nd.asp \textsuperscript{2}http://www.goforbroke.org/history/history_historical_campaigns_rescue.asp

UHM NURSING & OUTREACH COLLEGE PARTNER IN HOSTING NURSING FACULTY FROM CHINA

by Kris Qureshi (http://www.nursing.hawaii.edu/) and Judy Ensing (http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/)

The UHM Nursing Global Health Program partnered with Outreach College to host visiting faculty from Wuhan University, located in China, this past summer. In July – August 2012, 10 faculty members from the Wuhan University School of Nursing participated in a nine-day program that focused on best practices related to the use of simulation in nursing education and the basics of community health nursing.

During the first week of the program, the participants focused on simulation learning. Guided by Lorrie Wong, Director of the UHM Translational Health Science Simulation Center, the visiting faculty learned the basics of simulation teaching and learning, including how to develop scenarios, run a simulation session, and utilize simulation to augment nursing education.

During the second week, faculty member Nancy McGuckin led the visitors through a community health nursing workshop that included site visits to four different community-based health centers. During the program, the faculty from both UHM and Wuhan School of Nursing exchanged many ideas and practices. Kris Qureshi, Director of the Global Health Program, will be a visiting scholar at Wuhan University during March 2013 to follow up on the project and measure its impact. The use of simulation for instruction as well as community/public health nursing are key topics in nursing education across Asia and the Pacific.

The role of Outreach College was to provide the logistical support for the program. Whereas Kris Qureshi managed the academic content of the program, Judy Ensing, Director of International Programs at Outreach College, made the necessary arrangements required of a multifaceted program of this nature, including arrangements for housing and meals, transportation, and payments for site visits. Both UHM Nursing and Outreach College are looking forward to collaborating on future nursing programs for international participants.
UP CLOSE & PERSONAL WITH ALFRED KAN

Alfred Kan, a senior majoring in marketing and international business with a minor in Japanese, is currently in Japan for two semesters with the MIX program. Below, he shares some of his thoughts and experiences as an exchange student living in Tokyo.

Why did you choose Keio University?
Of the three universities in Tokyo that I was interested in – Keio, Sophia, and Waseda – I chose Keio because it was the most business oriented.

Any favorites yet?
I love the ice cream, especially the mochi and Parm Café Mocha ones! The ice cream costs 198 yen at the market close to my dorm.

Have you visited any interesting places?
Odaiba, a popular entertainment district, is cool. I had fun at the video game arcades and at Joypolis, which is an indoor theme park.

Are there any trends or differences that you’ve noticed?
Japanese people like to use vending machines a LOT! There are vending machines usually on every block. Also, rent and insurance fees are paid at the convenience store.

What do you do in your spare time?
Explore Japan, study kanji, search for food (mainly ice cream), practice breakdancing, play video games, chat with Japanese friends on Facebook, etc.

Are you prepared for winter?
I’ve bought lots of “heat-tech” clothing by Uniqlo, which is thin but uses Japanese technology to keep you warm.

What are you looking forward to?
Seeing snow for the first time and going snowboarding.

NOTES FROM ABROAD by Daphne Miyashiro

Mary Campany, a second year English Literature major, is currently studying abroad at Roehampton University in London. Through the UHM Study Abroad Center, Mary was able to realize her dream of studying in England, the setting where many great writers have based their novels. She feels she now has a better understanding of English novels and history just by visiting the places mentioned in those books.

Roehampton University is located in a town on the outskirts of London, but it is still close enough to go to Central London on the weekends. Unlike UHM, the university is quite small so it is impossible to walk around campus without seeing someone you know. The campus also looks like a park. It has two ponds, lots of trees, and even badgers running here and there.

One trend she has noticed is that people usually make their sandwiches into panini. She likes it so much that she “may never eat a cold Nutella or peanut butter and jelly sandwich again.” In her free time she likes to go exploring. She has been to the British Library, Tower of London, Loch Ness in Scotland, and the Louvre in Paris to name a few. She is also looking forward to going to the Doctor Who Experience in Cardiff, Wales.

The highlight of her experience so far has been the choir club and Japanese culture society meetings. She said, “the people I met in both clubs are so wonderful that I’d love to stay and talk with them forever.”